TRENDY OR TOXIC?

Don’t bring lead home.

Hobbies may expose you and your family to lead

Many common hobbies and crafts use materials containing lead. Lead is often found in:

- Car parts
- Stained glass
- Jewelry
- Pottery glazes
- Artist paints
- Fishing sinkers
- Bullets

You can also come into contact with lead paint if you are working on a do-it-yourself (DIY) project using materials painted prior to 1978, such as older windows or doors.

You can bring lead into your home when lead dust and/or paint chips are transferred from your clothes, shoes, or other personal belongings to your car, home, or even directly to your child, creating a lead exposure.

Use lead safe work practices

- Wear personal protective equipment.
- Change your clothing as soon as you are done, wash it separately, then run an empty load before washing regular clothing.
- Do not eat or smoke in work areas.
- Wash hands and face immediately after you finish work.
- Shower as soon as possible.

For additional information go to: https://www.health.ri.gov/lead

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